



# NEWS

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# EDITO

Dear brothers and sisters,

The pandemic is raging in Europe and throughout the world, causing unprecedented socio-economic disruption, destroying groups and affecting families. The waves follow one another, we now speak of a tsunami. Just like the makeshift boats of thousands of migrants that come to our shores, and result in bodies (sometimes even those of babies) being scattered throughout the Mediterranean and the North Sea.

*Is this all to promote "a new consciousness" for "a world in crisis"? This is the call "towards a civilization of empathy" that Jeremy Rifkin suggests. The answer is personal, and it is up to each person to shape it and to contribute to giving a new impetus to our groups and communities for "an ever greater us" (Pope Francis).*

**Happy New Year!**

Marie Monnet

# INTERVIEW

## THREE QUESTIONS TO THE PROMOTER OF JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST



### ***Brother Xabier Gomez***

promoter of Justice and Peace for Europe and the Middle East, recently appointed director of the Migration Service of the Spanish Episcopal Conference.

An interview with Sister Marie Monnet.

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### ***1) You are the new director of the Migration Service of the Spanish Episcopal Conference. What is your job?***

My work consists of guiding, accompanying, coordinating and promoting the pastoral care of migrants in all the dioceses of Spain. I also organize and design for the Spanish Church the materials for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees; I am in charge of offering training to the diocesan delegates and taking care of networking. We are almost 70 dioceses working in a network and the Department is also part of a network called Migrants with Rights where CONFER (Conference of Religious, Caritas and Justice and Peace Spain) are present. It is a work of accompaniment, taking care of the identity of this mission area, its transversality and its harmony with the four verbs proposed by Pope Francis (welcome, protect, promote and integrate) and what is proposed to us from the Vatican section for Migrants and Refugees. We also deal with the relationship with public administrations and social advocacy when we believe it is convenient.

I work more closely with three advisory teams: one is a representation of diocesan delegates by geographical areas; another is on Minors and Young Migrants and the third is the chaplains of the CIEs, (internment center for foreigners), a very hard place where they intern people who are going to be expelled or deported.

## ***2) In your opinion, how are we particularly concerned about this problem as Christians?***

All the recent Popes have dealt a lot with the phenomenon of migration. They have defined it as one of the most important "signs of the times" for the Church; a theological place and a place to verify our coherence and adherence to the Gospel of Jesus and the Social Teaching of the Church. With Pope Francis and Fratelli Tutti it has gained great momentum. It is a reality that affects all regions of a world where everything is connected. Pope Francis has often denounced the "globalization of indifference" or individualism, hatred of the poor or the migrant and continues to want to awaken us to a spirituality, solidarity and hospitality that looks people in the eye, listens to them, puts their dignity at the center and promotes the common good. I believe that lately there is a perverse narrative that is manipulating information and trying to instill in the population and in many Catholics fear and rejection of those who are different. Christians should be concerned about everything that touches human dignity, we are responsible for the destiny of others, because Jesus has taught us so.

Sometimes I miss this audacity, this conversion of heart capable of not being dragged down by bad policies, bad practices and by those who seek to make migrants a "scapegoat" that distracts us from the focus of social problems. It is social justice that the Church seeks and longs for. Fraternity is the way of the Gospel. It is not right to confront those who suffer from precariousness and not address the causes of that precariousness. It is not the migrants that worry many, it is the impoverished migrants. This fear of the poor is something that must be faced head on. And address the causes of human mobility in all its aspects. For example, we cannot complain about Senegalese fishermen emigrating when the big European fishing companies are plundering with their fishing techniques what for centuries has kept the population of Senegal's coasts alive and fixed. The same is true of countries in conflict: where are the weapons manufactured with which so many get rich? Who sells them? Or with the problems arising from climate change.





### ***3) Is migration an opportunity or too great a risk for host nations?***

It is undoubtedly an opportunity. In Spain, migrants contribute to revitalize the Church and the economy. And they would do even more if they had easier access to work permits. I understand that there are places in Europe where there are conflicts, but it is not a factor of cultural diversity, it is a matter of social justice, lack of social cohesion. How can it be that Europe does not have the means to prevent or manage these social differences, the coexistence programs, etc. In many places it is necessary to review what has not been done well, but, above all, we must not lose hope to rethink and focus on trying solutions. In my city I live with diversity, it is possible and it is enriching when there is reciprocity. But this reciprocity cannot be improvised, it requires patience, wisdom and investment. Isn't Europe a community of nations with different cultures, languages and realities? However, there is much more that unites us: the desire to grow, to live and to leave a better world to our children is the same in all countries, cultures and religions. Let us focus on this from the perspective of our faith.

The Church is Catholic, universal by identity and vocation, no baptized person is a stranger or should feel a foreigner in our communities. There we have a witness to offer. Welcoming, diverse, inclusive communities.

Let us return to the values of Christian humanism that forged our continent, but let us return above all to the Gospel.



# SAVE THE DATE



## EUROPEAN WEBINAR

January 13, 2022 9:30 a.m. (CET)

MIGRATION SITUATION ON  
THE BORDERS OF EUROPE:  
PERSPECTIVES FOR TRUE  
SOLIDARITY

BY EMILIO JOSÉ GÓMEZ CIRIANO, PROFESSOR  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CASTILLA-LA MANCHA  
AND MEMBER OF JUSTICIA Y PAZ ESPAÑA

DOMINICAN KEY:  
CONNECTION BETWEEN  
GIORGIO LAPIRA AND  
FRATELLI TUTTI

BY ALESSANDRO CORTESI, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY  
AT THE SANTA CATERINA DA SIENA HIGHER INSTITUTE OF  
RELIGIOUS SCIENCES, (FIRENZE E AREZZO) AND PROVINCIAL  
PROMOTER OF JP-SANTA CATALINA PROVINCE OF ITALY

### DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSIONS

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Translation will be available in  
English\*Spanish\*French



DOMINICAN FRIARS



# FORMATION JUSTICE AND PEACE

In 2021-2022, the French-speaking Dominican Sisters of Africa are following an **online formation**, proposed in collaboration between Justice and Peace Europe and Middle East and Justice and Peace Africa, under the leadership of Sisters Marguerite N'Guessan and Marie Monnet.

The first session took place on November 24, bringing together more than thirty sisters, mainly from the African continent, but also from Europe. After a presentation on "ecology and the defense of the environment", the sisters met in virtual workshops, exchanged many good practices and shared their reflections, and then a synthesis was made in plenary session.

The sisters were particularly happy to be together, connected by the Internet and to have the opportunity to exchange on important themes.

The sisters also have access to an online space, dedicated to the formation, where they can consult additional resources and continue the exchanges.

This training (free for the sisters) takes place on the platform of Domuni-Universitas, [www.domuni.eu](http://www.domuni.eu) The training is funded by Justice and Peace Europe and Middle East.

## NEXT SESSIONS:

- ◆ **January 19, 2022: Education**
- ◆ **May 23, 2022: Women in Development**

**Any sister wishing to join the training can write to  
Marie Monnet or Catherine N'Guessan**

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**À LA SOURCE DU DROIT  
INTERNATIONAL**

**LES THÉORIES DE LA  
RECONNAISSANCE**

**LA JUSTICE SOCIALE CHEZ LES  
PROPHÈTES**

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SOCIALE DE L'ÉGLISE**

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIF  
AUX DROITS DE L'ENFANT ET LA  
MISE EN OEUVRE**

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L'ENVIRONNEMENT DANS LES  
CONFLITS ARMÉS**

**DOCTRINE SOCIALE DE L'ÉGLISE**

**LES FEMMES DANS LES  
PÉRIODES DE POST-CONFLIT :  
ANALYSE DES GRANDS ENJEUX**

**CE QUE LES PHILOSOPHES  
DISENT DU VIVRE-ENSEMBLE**

**ECO-THÉOLOGIE**

**DROIT INTERNATIONAL PÉNAL**

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DE LA MONDIALISATION**

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**DIEU MIGRANT**





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THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

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**INTERNATIONAL  
HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. AN  
INTRODUCTION**

**HUMAN RIGHTS 2  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

**INTRODUCTION TO  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN  
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**ETICA DELLA CURA**

**ETICA ECOLOGICA**



## SPANISH COURSES

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**FILOSOFÍA MORAL Y POLÍTICA**

**LOS DOMINICOS Y AMÉRICA:  
ALGUNOS PERSONAJES  
DESTACADOS**

**LA ESCUELA DE SALAMANCA**

**MISIONOLOGÍA DOMINICANA**

### WEBINAR « **MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS** »

**Yao Agbetse**, professor of human rights and independent expert at the United Nations, hosted a webinar in French and English.

You can [click here](#) and listen to the session around the theme:

“Monitoring and Evaluation of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law in the Context of Conflict: The Case of the Central African Republic”



### REGISTRATION

Dominican participants may receive bursaries to attend courses and seminars.

Thank you for writing to [\*\*JPIC@domuni.eu\*\*](mailto:JPIC@domuni.eu)

# CONTACT



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Née en 1978, sr Marie est dominicaine, de la congrégation Notre-Dame de Fichermont et vit à Bruxelles. Docteur en droit et docteur en théologie, elle est actuellement vice-rectrice de Domuni Universitas ([www.domuni.eu](http://www.domuni.eu)). Elle est également avocate au Barreau de Paris. Sr. Marie Monnet a été élue en 2019, lors de l'assemblée générale des DSI réunie à Rome, promotrice Justice et Paix» pour l'Europe et le Moyen-Orient, pour un mandat de trois ans.



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Né en 1970, est dominicain de la province d'Espagne, il vit à Madrid. Ordonné prêtre en 1994, pour le diocèse de San Sebastian, il rejoint l'Ordre en 2003 après avoir servi en paroisse et auprès de populations défavorisées. Licencié en théologie, titulaire d'un master en médiation familiale, il est spécialisé dans la médiation sociale interculturelle. Plusieurs missions lui furent ou lui sont encore confiées : vicaire en paroisse, conseiller provincial, promoteur de la pastorale des jeunes et des vocations, coordonnateur pastoral au Collège dominicain d'Atocha de Madrid, promoteur provincial pour le Jubilé de l'Ordre. Il travaille aussi sur des projets provinciaux avec des artistes contemporains. Engagé dans la cause des migrants et contre la traite des êtres humains, il coordonne l'Observatoire des droits humains de la Famille dominicaine d'Espagne. Fr. Xavier Gomez a été nommé en 2016 par le Maître de l'Ordre promoteur Justice et Paix pour l'Europe et le Moyen Orient.





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